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Recognizing Portugal's special relationship with the United States, and the contribution of Portuguese Americans to American life.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Portugal's special relationship with the United States, and the contribution of Portuguese Americans to American life.

Whereas June 10, Portugal's National Day, celebrates the life and work of the 16th century poet Luis Vaz de Camões of Portugal, whose work extols the courage and exploits of Portuguese explorers who sailed to points beyond the horizon;

Whereas thousands of Portuguese have embarked on their own voyages to the United States, and today over 2,000,000 Americans are able to trace their ancestry to Portugal;

Whereas Portuguese Americans have distinguished themselves as honest, hard-working, patriotic, and family-oriented;

Whereas Portuguese Americans have achieved an important place in American culture through their participation in the arts, commerce, academics, sports, politics, and religion;

Whereas Portugal and the United States have had friendly and cordial relations since American independence;

Whereas Portugal and the United States continue to work together, cooperating through their membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to promote peace and to adapt to the challenges of a changing world in light of the lifting of the Iron Curtain;

Whereas Portugal and the United States have a relationship based on mutual respect and a sharing of interests and ideals, particularly a deeply held commitment to democratic values;

Whereas it is appropriate to honor Portuguese Americans and celebrate the unique contributions both have made throughout the history of the United States; and

Whereas it is appropriate to honor Portuguese people and their national day: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That Portugal is hereby recognized for its
- 2 special relationship with the United States, and that Por-
- 3 tuguese people are hereby recognized for their special con-
- 4 tributions to the United States.

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